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I am very much against the expansion of Grand Targhee. The small town quietness of the valley is going to become so commercial. Large jets, more traffic through the small community of Alta, impatient towards farm machinery on the roads at planting, harvesting and throughout the summer, will only get worse.

What about the contamination of the water of Alta Community Pipeline? It never was a problem until the expansion started on Peaked and now we have a boil order happen a few times a year. Having lifts access Cold Springs, Miles Creek Basin will only put more of a burden on this system. Our forefathers put this system in to help the community of Alta.

With the building of roads to drill wells, build restaurants, lifts etc. what will that do the beauty of the mountains? There will be scars for ever to look at. It seems that we could log our forest and help them stay healthy, with road building but everyone is against that? We should be able to cut our own firewood out of the forest with the roads that are already there.

I question the close proximity of the wilderness to the lifts on Peaked? Seems like maybe we overlook what stress it may be on the wilderness with easy access. Will be become overused? By a select few? Do we Really want a that big of a private holding in the forest? I think not!!

As for the development into Teton Canyon I question that as well? The south slope has been Critical Winter Game Range for the wildlife, if it becomes developed what will that game do? Do they move down on the local ranchers causing problem with the domestic cattle? Or do they just learn to live with the many people that will be there.

What about those people that have range for their cattle? Are they going to be able to continue using that range or will it be taken from them? Will that grass grow tall and get out of hand and have a major wildfire, burning all in its way? What about those peoples livelihood? What do they do now? Those people are doing good things for the forest, and I would hope that they could continue as long as they want.

What about the traffic in Teton Canyon? How will that effect the beauty of Canyon? Will the quietness still be there for a short hike? Or will it be nonstop traffic year around?

I would hope that we could put a stop to the development of these mountains. Let us old timers enjoy what we have left, which is a far cry from what we once had. What about the light pollution with all that goes on with that many lifts, restaurants, etc.?